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6. [ ] Met with Mr. Philip Kelleher, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, in response to his call. He inquired whether the various news reports during the day of [ ] who has defected to the Soviet Union, have any foundation in fact. He was concerned that the reports indicated that [ ] were former CIA employees. I advised Mr. Kelleher, after checking by telephone, that neither [ ] were Agency employees. I also briefed Mr. Kelleher concerning Soviet preparation for a possible lunar mission tomorrow.

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7. [ ] Late in the day I met with Mr. John R. Blandford and briefed him in general terms on Soviet preparations for a lunar flight tomorrow. Mr. Blandford appreciated the information and inquired why the Committee had not been informed concerning the reported construction of a Soviet aircraft carrier, and the confirmation by the Intelligence Community of a Soviet fractional orbiting missile. He noted that the briefing by DIA, which had been received last week on this subject, was considered to be quite revealing by himself and other members of the Committee. Mr. Blandford posed these questions in the hypothetical, and since he will be departing in the morning for two weeks, he does not expect a response, but indicated they will be items for consideration in the next Subcommittee meeting.

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"Item 7. In the sense that we use the term there just ain't any 'aircraft carrier' abuilding in the S.U. There is one (maybe more) which is assessed as a helo carrier."

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FYI: I have dug out for Adm. Taylor the Washington Post article of 23 October (page 2) which reported statements on the Soviet carrier by Adms. Holmes and Ellis. He is also aware that the Director's 8 Nov. briefing will cover this point.

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